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Student Intern PROGRAM

GAO's intern program brings outstanding students to our headquarters in Washington, D.C., and to our field offices around the country to provide assistance on the analyses, program evaluations, and audits we conduct on behalf of the U.S. Congress. Interns serve in the same capacity as our entry-level professional staff and receive high quality, career-related assignments on projects addressing every public policy arena.

How the Intern Program Works

Each intern is assigned for the duration of his or her program (generally 10-12 weeks) to one of GAO's teams/units, based on the intern's background and interests as well as on the agency's needs. On the team/unit, each intern has a supervisor who sets performance expectations for each assignment, provides guidance, and conducts a midpoint feedback and a formal feedback session at the internship's conclusion. For more informal support and information, a new staff member (known as a "buddy") is also assigned to each intern.



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How the Intern Program Works (cont'd)

All interns participate in an orientation session, which is followed by job-related training in Washington, D.C. This training provides an overview of GAO procedures and work standards, including presentations on the elements of a research finding, workpaper preparation, interview techniques, documentation standards, etc. Our Office of Congressional Relations also provides presentations on congressional operations and GAO's relationship to Congress. Special events-both social and professional-occur throughout the internship program to ensure that interns have the opportunity to meet each other, mix with a range of GAO analysts and executives, and expand their knowledge and skills. GAO may noncompetitively appoint interns to permanent positions after their graduation.

To be eligible for a GAO internship, students must

- be a U.S. citizen
- have completed at least 60 semester hours or its equivalent
- be enrolled in an accredited graduate or undergraduate program in good academic standing, and
- return to school following the internship, unless completing degree requirements and internship concurrently

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